

January 10, 2007

Jeanne Longley opened the meeting at 6:04.

Jeanne announced that according to the EPA's Guidance for creating a Citizen Advisory Group that the CAG should not hold closed meetings.

Robin said that is true if we accept public money, which so far has not been so.

Jeanne: How would we like to design our meeting format for this evening?

Joe suggested that we do the business portion of the agenda first for this particular meeting.

The following corrections should be made to the December 13, 2006 Minutes:

Steve asked about the price. He also suggested that any capital gains should be directed to offset clean-up costs.

Travis corrected the name of the Lamprey larvae to be ammocoetes.

Jim R corrected his statement to be: The CAG needs to look at the master plan. Deb Yamamoto presented Robin with a plaque.

Jim moved that the December 13, 2006 minutes be adopted as corrected and seconded by Robin. The minutes were approved.

Peter Laughingwolf gave Treasurer's Report. There is \$214. in the treasury.

Sean Sheldrake will present Lessons Learned on February 28, from 6-8 at the Water Lab. Jeanne announced that Jim could present Source Control from Arco BP at that same time.

Bill Egan questioned whether the time allotted would be enough to cover both presentations. Jeanne would check with Jim and Sean to see if there would be enough time to include both presentations.

Jane Harris has proposed that an additional person review the Risk Assessment. Jane has obtained a person to give an additional view. Bill Egan suggested that Dave Stone from DHS be invited as well. He is the state head toxologist.

Jeanne suggested that Regina Skarzinskas could do a human health assessment as well. She would be another person on the panel for risk assessment.

The members discussed adding a Vice-Chair. Robin moved that we adopt the position of vice-chair. Jim recommended we adhere to the by-laws, which say that the issue needs to be announced at two meetings. . Robin moved that we adopt the position of vice-chair. Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Travis suggested Jim Robinson would be a good fit. Robin proposed in the interim Jim Robison would assist the chair if the need arises. Steve seconded. Motion passed. Insert in: IV.S1. of the bylaws.

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"1. The Vice-Chair should shall assist the chairperson as needed.

2. The Vice chair will fulfill the duties of the chair in the absence of the chair."

Peter relinquished the position of Treasurer. He was not sure he supported the direction of the CAG's philosophy. He recommended that the CAG be more of an educational and outreach source than an advocacy group.

EPA designed the CAG to represent the community according to Jeanne and Travis.

Jeanne said that we need more dissent and Peter ideas represent an important position.

After the discussion closed, Jim nominated Travis for Treasurer. Bill Egan seconded.

Travis was approved as Treasurer.

Jim R. suggested that the CAG meet twice a month to accommodate all the presentations and activities that the CAG needs to accomplish.

Steve: We might be more pro-active if we had more time for discussion.

Robin: We need to do thorough plan in order to use additional meeting time properly.

Travis: The CAG should be tracking what the process is occurring rather than asking what they are doing. The EPA follows the CERCLA laws; there is no other choice.

Jeanne read the following words from Jane Harris whose health did not permit her to attend:

For those who have had a different view of the PRPs and their role all we need to do is look at the Gasco and Arkema early actions to understand the reality of the situation. In both cases, the public's interest in a more protective and hence more expensive alternative was ignored by EPA and we got very poor results. I think our focus should be on getting a good Record of Decision and organizing the community and the political support to make sure that the CDF is not the final solution..

Jane Harris

Friends of the Columbia Gorge

A dialogue about what the CAG's goals are and should be. The upshot was that while not all the members agree, there are in fact common themes that are similar between all members, especially as stated in the Mission Statement. The agencies appear to listen to the meetings in the belief that members of the CAG do represent the issues and concerns of part of the community, if not all. Are we or are we not representative of the community? How can we be more representative? What should be done?

Peter: When the T4 early action occurred, it was a place where oversight was needed but not included.

Travis: Regina said I do not see any reason that T4 should be an early action.

Bill E.: But the letter did bring results, from that letter sent to EPA some improvements were made on the earthquake protection of the CDF.

Jim R. The problem is that we are not addressing the second portion of our mission statements. Use one monthly meeting to work on outreach. I agree that what we have done in the past by giving input to EPA is acceptable and is needed.

Joe: We should have presentation meetings on cable TV. Joe proposed that he will get a cable TV show for the CAG.

Steve: Instead just showing up to have a presentation, instead prepare questions for the upcoming presentation.

Jeanne's summary: We want to do what is on the wall, which is to use (one meeting) to have presentations and (second meeting) to take care of business and particularly outreach.

Jim R. moved that we meet two Wednesdays and to add the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday for the second meeting. The discussion resulted in two meetings being held: (1) 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday for Presentations, and (2) 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday for Education, Outreach and general CAG Business.

Jim R: We should give reports that offer input back from the neighborhoods or community to give the CAG feedback to ascertain the communities' thoughts.

Jim R. held that it would be good to establish a baseline of water quality tests to see when retested that it would offer an indication of the results or effects of the Superfund process. He would like to see a similar test taken that would establish a baseline regarding the health of the wildlife and then if the Superfund process has in fact resulted in an improvement. Perhaps a graph representing the changes or improvements for each year and then over several years to indicate trends.

Steve would like his Survey question adopted as an annual review process.

Bill E. said he would like to see different and additional questions added to the Survey.

Jim R. Perhaps some health related questions could be added.

Jeanne adjourned the meeting at 8:01.